

CONFERENCE LOCATION

- **Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration**
The George Washington University
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HOTELS AND OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

- **George Washington University (Dormitories, Rooms with Private Bath)**
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THE WORKSHOPS: PROPOSALS AND PAPERS

- **Deadline for Presenting an Abstract: December 15, 2008.**
- **Send one-page proposals to: spaa@andromeda.rutgers.edu, stating contact details and indicating the preferred workshop. Your proposal will be distributed to the organizing committee and the appropriate workshop co-chairs.**
- **Notification of Acceptance by February 1, 2009.**
- **Note: Each workshop will accept no more than fourteen papers. Two papers will be presented for discussion at each workshop session. Note that each workshop meets for seven sessions.**
- **Full papers must be delivered by April 15, 2009.**

Workshop 1: Can the Public Sector Reestablish its Legitimacy?

Co-Chairs:

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The public sector is said to be under pressure. Does the public sector really have a legitimacy problem? Has it grown worse, or has it always been there? Are we talking about an international phenomenon, or do Americans and Europeans look differently at their public sector?

How do these legitimacy problems express themselves? Are they reflected in failing public sector recruitment, in declining tax or legal compliance, in increasing aggression against public servants? How can these symptoms help us to diagnose the problem?

The role of the private sector, markets, and NGOs in the provision of public services is increasing. How does their involvement affect perceptions about the public sector's legitimacy?

How can the public sector reestablish its legitimacy? Which governments have developed successful strategies, and how do they work?

Workshop 2: Financing Governance: Managing Commitments Over the Long Term

Co-Chairs:

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This workshop is intended to address a number of questions concerning both revenue and expenditure choices, in the context of the fiscal crisis of the welfare state and the current global financial crisis. Among the questions that may be addressed by participants include:

- How did different countries deal with the fiscal crisis of the welfare state, and how has this changed the view of the appropriate role of government and welfare state spending?
- How did different countries deal with the financial crisis, and how has this changed the view of the appropriate role of government?
- How have recent experiences affected the choice and adequacy of revenue sources?
- How have countries balanced the need for short-term economic stimulus with longer-term fiscal responsibility?
- What impact have recent events had on budget reform, including the desire to make expenditure choices more informed by performance?

Workshop 3: Public Administration and Multidisciplinarity: The Contribution of Other Disciplines to the Debate on Governance

Co-Chairs:

Meredith Newman, School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, *newmanm@fiu.edu*

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The purpose of this Workshop is to explore answers to the question: What insights on governance might we find in a range of disciplines, including Public Administration? The intellectual history of our own field (certainly in the United States) is founded on scientific, rational principles. Many domains of policy-making, especially those promoting “market-like arrangements,” assume forms of rationality in behavior of actors. But governance is fundamentally about the citizen-state exchange and service-delivery - “people-work” that involves both art and science.

We solicit papers that investigate the meaning of these new insights from our sister discipline of political science, and other disciplines such as sociology, business management, social psychology, anthropology, and economics.

Workshop 4: Transparency and Accountability in Governance: Evolving Concepts of Accountability for Governmental and Non-Governmental Actors

Co-Chairs:

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This workshop invites papers which explore the meanings and boundaries of three commonly used concepts - transparency, accountability and governance - as they apply to governmental and non-governmental actors. Given the nature of the conference, explicit comparisons between American and European perspectives are encouraged.

Submissions addressing one or more of the following themes are of special interest:

- How transparency and governance are conceptualized and practiced in an environment where organizations are accountable to multiple actors; and
- How transparency and accountability are affected by different cultural and institutional contexts.

Theoretical or empirical proposals, with a range of methodological approaches, in relation to these concepts are welcomed.

Workshop 5: How will Emerging Technologies Transform Governance: Emergent Forms of Public Deliberation and Collaboration

Co-Chairs:

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New information and communication technologies enable more robust public engagement with government over public policy and management issues, as well as new means of internal organizational teamwork. The emerging uses of web technologies allow for coordination, collaboration, and process integration, as well as citizen services and opportunities for public deliberation.

The workshop welcomes both empirical investigations of such uses and also theoretical analyses exploring questions such as: How will the capacities and tasks of public governance be altered? Are particular groups privileged by such technologies? Will these trends transform notions of citizenship? How will new technologies change public institutions?

Workshop 6: Collaboration, Hybrid Governance and Networking

Co-Chairs:

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Chris Skelcher, Institute of Local Government Studies,
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Greater variety and flexibility in the forms of public governance and management open up new challenges for academic research and policy design. This workshop invites contributions that offer new insights into the emergent world of collaboration, hybrid governance and networking.

Contributions can be in the form of conventional papers, poster presentations, offers to facilitate discussion around a key theme (for example, through panel debates), case studies, application of novel research methods to workshop topics, and other creative ways through which workshop members will be able to develop their thinking about these issues.

We encourage contributors to identify and focus on the key challenges in this field, which may be theoretical, methodological, empirical or about the normative implications for civil society, government and business. Comparative papers (especially European-US) are encouraged.

Issues for the workshop may include:

- What do we know about the extent, form, and consequences of collaboration, hybrid governance and networking? Are these new trends, or merely the surfacing of pre-existing relationships?
- How adequate is our theorisation of collaboration, hybrid governance and networking? What are the main questions for theory to answer and in what creative ways could theory be developed?
- Are conventional modes of accountability and good governance appropriate for these novel forms? How can democratic and managerial accountability and performance be assured?
- In what ways do these forms of governance and management affect the constraints and possibilities for citizens, civil society organisations, politicians, public managers, and business? What prescriptions can we develop that can help improve the operation of these structures?
- What ideas from other disciplines can we use to gain new insights into these phenomena?

PROGRAM SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Thursday, June 11

Registration: 8-9 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session/

Keynote Speeches: 9-11:15 a.m.

First workshop sessions: 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch: 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Second workshop sessions: 2:30-4 p.m.

Third workshop sessions: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Friday, June 12

Fourth workshop sessions: 9-10:45 a.m.

Fifth workshop sessions: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch: 12:30-2:15 p.m.

Roundtable: 2:15-4:15 p.m. - Conversation on New Governance and Next Directions for Government

Sixth workshop sessions: 4:30-6 p.m.

Plenary session: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

Seventh workshop sessions: 9-10:15 a.m.

Closing Plenary Session/

Reports by workshop chairs: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Closing Speeches: 12-1 p.m.

Lunch: (to be announced)

Excursion: 2-8 p.m. - Cruise on the Potomac and tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- Taco Brandsen (Conference Co-Chair) - Tilburg University
- Marc Holzer (Conference Co-Chair) - Rutgers University - Campus at Newark
- Kathy Newcomer (Local Organizing Committee Co-Chair) - George Washington University
- Paul Posner (Local Organizing Committee Co-Chair) - George Mason University
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